(ii) stocking of vaccinces/sera/drugs to the extent possible.

(iii) setting up a special team of doctors for coordinated action. They should be sensitized on the impact of such weapons and treatment measures.

As per the WHO guidelines, the best method of stopping a small pox outbreak if occurs, is search and containment. Vaccination of entire population is not recommended since there is a risk of severe reaction to the vaccine including death.

PET Facility in AIIMS

2134. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) how far the efforts to acquire a clinical PET facility in All India Institute of Medical Sciences have progressed;

(b) whether the PET scanner, Medical Cyclotron, target materials and laboratory requirements have been purchased; and

(c) by when the clinical PET facility will be commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) Technical bid of clinical PET facility has been opened and is in the stage of finalisation. The complete system includes the PET scanner, medical cyclotron, target materials, labroratory requirements etc. The clinical PET facility is likely to be commissioned by March 2003.

Improvement in PHCs

†2135. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need for large scale improvement in the functioning of Primary Health Centres;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the target of providing medical facilities to all cannot be achieved with the present system;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.